

The experience of quantitative assessment of relief influence on the urban building aeration

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Abstract

Buildings aerating features are one of important characteristics of urban environment. The CFD method (realized in the UrbaWind software) was used for quantitative assessment of relief (topographic) influence on the aeration of urban residential zones. The necessary stage of CFD-modeling is creating of geometrically correct image of real landscape. The model must include Earth surface, buildings and main groups of trees. Modeling needs such input data as digital elevation model (DEM), digital buildings model and field ancymotrical data (for verification of computer simulation results). Then these results are analyzed by methods of mathematical statistics. The assessment of topography influence on the aeration of two residential areas was implemented: 1) for group of urban square with different number of storeys to north from historical center of Kursk including the part of Kur River's valley; 2) for one urban square on leveled surface of Tuskar* River's floodplain. The influence of topography on the aeration of residential sites is possible to define by comparison of wind field characteristics by different directions for two conditions: ideal flat topography and real topography. The comparison is convenient to realize by Pearson-correlation (coefficient) of pairs of mean speed values in the same points of model. On the whole, the minimal values of R are inherent to the more topographical dissected area (site Jfsl). By some directions the minimal values of R are inherent 1) to general aspect of Earth surface on the site; 2) to aspect of the most sloped area - fragment of erosional scarp of Kur River valley in the shape of cirque. The morphology of Earth surface even in plain environment influences on the urban area aeration.

Keywords

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